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## RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Robert C. Miller.



**T**he extraordinary extension of rural free delivery during the past two years has proved to be the most salient, significant, and far reaching feature of postal development in recent times. We have had other striking advances, but they have been along lines already well settled. The fast-mail service, carried to the highest attainable point, is only the logical outgrowth of the constant struggle for the quickest dispatch. The admirable railway post-office is only the culmination of the incessant effort to save time, obtain the straightest line, and secure the least handling. These and the many other improvements of method which keep pace with modern progress are the natural development of an established system.

But to undertake the personal and daily delivery of the mail at the individual and isolated farmhouse on the remote country road marks what in this widely extended land amounts to a new feature in postal service. Free delivery in rural communities had been regarded as too costly and

burdensome to be admissible. Because of this the movement encountered great opposition when first proposed, and even when Congress authorized the experiment there was reluctance in trying it. It took time and experience to develop and enforce the more just view, first, that the great body of people who lived outside the cities and towns are entitled to share in advanced mail facilities, even if the cost exceeds the returns, and second, that the barrier of unbalanced expense is not as formidable as was apprehended.

Rural delivery has now been sufficiently tried to measure its effects; the immediate and direct results are clearly apparent, it stimulates social and business correspondence and so swells the postal receipts.

The first experimental rural free delivery was started at Charlestown, W. Va., on October 1, 1896. On the 1st of July 1899, there were 391 rural delivery routes in operation; within the fiscal year, under an appropriation of \$450,000, this number was increased to 1,214. On the 1st of July, 1900, the appropriation of \$1,750,000 became available, and on the 15th of November 2,614 routes had been located and established, 61,979 miles in aggregate length, covering 66,842 square miles divided among 44 States and Terri-



tories, and serving a population of 1,801,524. The number of applications pending at that date and awaiting action under investigation was more than 2,100, nearly enough to double the existing service.

The postal department is now carrying the post-office to the door of 31,000,000 of people massed in towns and cities; the task before them is the more complicated work of carrying it to the door of about 21,000,000 scattered over 1,000,000 square miles of territory.

The character of the service has risen with its breadth of extension; rural carriers now register letters, give receipts for money orders, cancel stamps, and deliver letters on their routes without their passing through a post-office.

Yet while as this indicates, progress has been made in the United States, as in European countries, toward formulating a general system of extending the free delivery of mails to communities living remote from cities, it must be noted that our methods are not those of any other nation. They have been adapted to the peculiar conditions of American life. There are strong points of divergence between the system now being established in the United States and the methods of rural delivery which have prevailed in other countries for many years,—in Great Britain for instance, for over fifty years, and in France for a still longer period. Ours is a co-operative plan; it comes from the people, and is established upon petitions presented through their Representatives in Congress, irrespective of party affiliations. Those who desire it are expected to meet the government half-way, by mending their roads, building bridges over their unbridged creeks and streams, and putting up secure and appropriate

receiving boxes, so located on the roadside along the route traversed by the carrier that he can conveniently deposit or collect their mail without alighting from his vehicle.

In Great Britain, there was substantially a house-to-house rural delivery, only the most inaccessible domiciles being left unvisited. The English rural post-man, traveling chiefly on foot, walks from 15 to 18 miles a day, for an average pay of 18 shillings, or \$4.50 a week. A paternal government provides him with a uniform, gives him \$5.00 a year to buy shoes, furnishes him medical attendance when sick and permits him to retire on a small pension after ten years of faithful service.

In France, rural carriers, who also travel on foot, are paid a mileage of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  centimes a kilometer, or not quite  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents a mile for the distance they cover. The average length of a route is from 10 to 15 miles, and they are required to cover it every day in the year, Sunday included. They receive an allowance for clothing and may retire on a pension at the end of fifteen years. The service extends into every commune, and practically all of France is covered by rural free delivery.

In Germany the delivery of mails in remote districts is not exactly free; extra postage is charged, part of which goes to the carrier and part to the Government. The pay of the carriers outside of this allowance is from 700 to 900 marks a year, with 100 marks additional for house rent, (a German mark being equivalent to 24 cents of our money.)

In Austria-Hungary the rural carrier is hired by the postmaster of the local office to which he is attached and paid by him; he is authorized to collect a fee of half a cent on all letters and an eight of a cent

on all newspapers delivered by him. His average pay is about \$120 a year. To earn this sum he travels ten miles a day, always on foot; before he can enter upon his duties he has to make a deposit of \$80 with the postmaster as security for carrying out his part of the contract.

The Belgian rural carrier makes a daily round trip of 15 or 16 miles on foot, and is paid a salary which varies according to the supposed cost of living in the district where he serves, but which seldom exceeds \$250 a year. He is denied the right to vote, and prohibited from taking part in politics.

It follows without saying, that the rural free delivery service with which the people of the United States have been made acquainted within the last three years is built upon none of these models. The carriers buy their own shoes and clothes, provide their own "rigs" and horses, pay their own doctor bills, and vote as they please. In the selection of carriers the Congressional Representative controls the appointments, which are made under the directions of the First Assistant Post Master General. The pay of rural carriers when the service was first started was placed at \$150 and afterwards at \$300 per annum. In 1898 it was raised to \$400; at the beginning of the present fiscal year, July 1, 1900 it was raised from \$400 to \$500 for a full route.

Under ordinary conditions, a full route is considered to be 25 miles. There are exceptional cases, where the roads are level and smoothly macadamized, in which the carriers can make 30 to 35 miles a day. There are other exceptional cases where the routes lead over rugged hills and cross rocky creeks, in which 17 miles is considered a good day's journey;

but the average length of a full route is 25 miles.

The appropriation of \$1,750,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1900 will be so applied that the service already existing and established during the year will consume its amount. It is estimated that to maintain during the ensuing year, the service in operation at the end of the current year, will require \$2,500,000. For new service, not less than \$1,000,000 should be allowed.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Claude Rothery, Editor.



The repeal of the revenue tax on medicines was the signal for an army of clerks in wholesale drug houses to make pin money by removing all proprietaries from drugs.



The scarcity of the \$30 red is causing considerable comment as to the cause. Although thousands were printed there are but few on the market. The only obvious reason for this scarcity is that the great majority of them must have been destroyed and never placed on sale.



The outcry now being raised about the buying up of the private proprietary remainders seems to be without cause. One writer says "To avoid any attempted misrepresentation, choose the obvious method and buy them used." This is hardly reasonable, as J&J. Warners, Lanman and Kemp, and Emerson Drug Co., are the only firms cancelling their stamps. Accordingly the speculators would merely have to wash the gum off the remainders to put them on an equal footing with the used.

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## Editorial.

No, we're not gone, we are still on deck, although we have changed our address. By our removal from Chicago to Orland, Ill., it now leaves the "Windy City" without a philatelic representative.

Must beg to be excused for this small number, but on account of removal, and this being the dullest month (philatelically) of the year, it will have to complete the volume. We have decided to drop the Coin Dept. Any paper desiring the manuscript which was to have been continued in this number, can have same at a very nominal price.

"Keeping everlastingly at it brings success." This must have been invented by an advertiser who knew how to write his ads, where to place them, and how to gain the confidence of the buyer and hold it.

Wonder if D. C. E. has emigrated to Hawaii.

How many philatelic papers over one year old are still published—by their founders?

If you contemplate publishing a paper this Fall, or if you are already publishing a paper, it will pay you to get our prices on printing it. They're O. K.

Why not call the editorial page the "Abuse Department?" The majority of them are nothing more nor less.

The head of a Chicago bicycle house said he would not advertise in a philatelic paper as "Stamp cranks buy nothing but stamps." Poor fellows! They eat stamps, wear clothes of stamps, and read one of Seebeck's stickers while sitting on a sofa made of stamps. (!) (?)

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### REPORT.

The following officers have been elected for the coming year.

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Counterfeit Detector, G. F. Dold.

Trustees, G. F. Dold, R. F. Schwedler,  
F. Gingrich.

.....New Members.....

30, Charles H. Allen.

31, H. S. Vanderburgh.

.....Applications.....

32, Elmer Notman, (12) 554 Spadina Av.,  
Toronto, Can.

Balance at last report \$2.24

Receipts .20

\$2.44

O. O. .32

Balance \$2.12

The officers for this year have been chosen, and I sincerely hope for a prosperous year. H. S. Vanderburgh, our new Sales Supt., has a stock of stamps in his department unequaled by any exchange dept., in the U. S. Send for a sel-

ection worth \$1.00 or \$1,000.00.

We need a new Secretary as Mr. Moisant declined the office for lack of time. Write at once.

Very respectfully

Claude Rothery.

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E. L. Robinson.

Fellow members:-

Last month Mr. Paulsen resigned his position of Secty. & Treas. and I was appointed by Pres. Dold to fill his place. I submit the following report.

.....Resignations Received.....

Ray I. Ellis, Elk Point, S. D.

.....Receipts.....

Received from Mr. Paulsen \$97

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.....Expenditures.....

Postage .10

Official Organ .67 .77

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Mr. Renaud offers ten Good Stamps to everyone joining the U. S. P. A. Join the U. S. P. A. or the P. S. P. A. before Sept. 10th, and receive a 25-word exchange notice in the P. S. P. in addition to the other premiums.

## POSTAL DEVELOPMENT.

In 1800 there were 903 Post Offices in America, to-day we have 75,000. It took a letter 16 days to go from Philadelphia to Lexington, Ky., and 22 days to Nashville, Tenn. The cheapest postage was 8 cents and to send a letter more than 100 miles cost one shilling; there were about three million letters and papers sent through the mails every year then. At the present time the post-office handles about thirty million letters and papers in a single day.

C. R. T.

## Exchange Department.

Regular yearly subscribers are allowed one 25 word notice. Extra notices 10c each.

Good exchange for common U.S., send for exchange list. D.B. Crockett, Avondale, N.J. a5

Will x U.S. postage, depts., and revenues for U.S. & col. Send selection. Basis of exchange, Scott's 1901. E. G. Baker, Chichester, N. Y. a5

Have stamps, bike, typewriter, to x for printing press, type, etc. W.C. Doak, Pearl, O. a4

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Wish to exchange postage stamps. Send registered. Rare preferred. Also Souvenir Cards exchanged. Bruno Scherer, Braila, Roumania.

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Exchange wanted by Scotts 60th cat. I collect the stamps of U.S., U.S. & British Col. only. G. Norlander, Stene Block, Fargo, N.D. a2

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Wortsman Bros., 115 Gaston St. W. Savannah, Ga., will ex. stamps for view cards. a3


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British N. Borneo 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, fine.....	.71	.31
x Nicaragua, 1897, 50c.....	.08	.03
x Nicaragua, 1897, 2 pesos	.15	.06
x Pto Rico, '98, Habilitado, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8c very cheap.....		.25
Guatemala, '97, Jub. 1, 2, 6, 10c	.15	.07
Iceland, 3, 5, 6, 10 aur.....		.07
Italy, 15 var.....		.04
x Shanghai, '93, 1/2-20c 7var	.51	.22
x Shanghai, '93, 1/2-20c imp	.74	.28
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2c Bank Check, blue.....	.03	.01	" Inland ".....	.01
" " orange.....		.01	10c Bill of Lading.....	.03
" Certificate, blue.....	.05	.15	" Certificate.....	.01
" " orange.....		.30	" Contract.....	.01
" Express, blue.....		.02	" Inland Exchange.....	.01
" " orange.....		.03	" Power of Atty.....	.02
" Playing Card, blue.....		.07	6c Inland Exchange.....	.08
" Proprietary, blue.....		.03	15c " ".....	.02
" Internal Revenue, orange.....		.01	20c " ".....	.01
3c Proprietary.....		.08	25c Bond 4c 25c Certificate.....	.01
" Telegraph.....		.15	25c Entry of Goods.....	.03
4c Inland Exchange.....		.03	" Insurance.....	.01
" Proprietary.....		.07	" Life Insurance.....	.15
5c Agreement.....		.02	" Power of Attorney.....	.02
" Certificate.....		.01	\$1.50 Inland Exchange.....	.10
25c Warehouse Receipt.....		.30	2.00 Conveyance.....	.07
30c Inland Exchange.....	.50	.05	2.50 Inland Exchange.....	.05
40c " ".....		.04	5.00 Charter Party.....	.15
50c Conveyance.....		.01	5.00 Conveyance.....	.10
" Entry of Goods.....		.01	SECOND ISSUE.	
" Lease.....		.24	2c black and blue.....	.03
" Life Insurance.....		.05	5c " " ".....	.05
" Mortgage.....		.03	10c " " ".....	.02
" Original Process.....		.01	20c " " ".....	.12
" Surety Bond.....		.05	25c " " ".....	.01
60c Inland Exchange.....		.07	50c " " ".....	.02
70c Foreign Exchange.....		.06	One fine collection containing 2,580	
\$1. Entry of goods.....		.04	varieties of U. S. and Foreign stamps cat-	
" Foreign Exchange.....		.02	alogue value \$220.00, used and unused	
" Inland Exchange.....		.01	\$90.00 cash. Prospective buyers can get	
" Lease.....		.05	list of collection by sending in their name.	
" Power of Attorney.....		.04	Postage extra	
.....Cash with order. ....			on all orders.	

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